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Jim,

I'd like the President, personally, to call Howard Baker, hopefully tomorrow or Friday, to give him a push on getting the Identities legislation passed next week.

The malicious and organized disclosure of the identities of American intelligence agents has

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out of business. The gory details are underlined on the attached sheet and will inspire the President's fabled persuasive powers.

Senators Weiker, Biden and Bradley have been delaying the bill for media interests, Bradley by threatening a filibuster when Baker brought it to the floor on the last day of last year's session. Senator Chafee, who is sponsoring the bill, thinks he has 40 votes. A little extra effort from Baker could seal it. Chafee's version would avoid going to conference and CIA and Justice prefer this version as having more teeth than the bill out of the Senate Judiciary.

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William J. Casey

Attachment:
as stated

cc: Senator John Chafee

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